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Security Council

10 a.m.	5563rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/810)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	50th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [18]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/132)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.10)

(c) Amendment (A/61/L.19)

General Committee

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]: letter from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/552)

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragaph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) . . . . . [32]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions . . . . . [69 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.8/Rev.1

2. Groups of countries in special situations (A/61/486) . . . . . [56]

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/61/82-E/2006/74, E/2006/74/Corr.1, A/61/162, A/61/173, A/61/173/Corr.1, A/61/323 and A/61/117)

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/61/302, A/61/126 and A/61/181)

   Introduction and general discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 42nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/61/12, Supp. No. 12, A/61/12/Add.1, A/61/224 and A/61/301) . . . . . [41]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.47

2. Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.44

[*Note*: There will be informal consultations (closed) on agenda item 118 (Programme planning), convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Third Committee, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia), *today* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies — Accountability measures
2. Draft report on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)
3. Executive session on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Andres Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place *today*, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

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Wednesday, 8 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

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Wednesday, 8 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: international financial system; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; microfinance/microcredit; debt crisis and development; Small Island Developing States; corrupt practices; International Year of Forests; natural disasters; and eradication of poverty; and on all draft resolutions on macroeconomic questions)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in English)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group (Third Committee experts)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Friends of the International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the draft International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties omnibus resolution)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . **Press briefing by the Spokesman**

12.45 p.m. . . . . **Background briefing by a senior United Nations official on the final report of the High-level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations**

3 p.m. . . . . **Background briefing by a senior United Nations official on the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on System-wide Coherence**

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Friday, 10, to Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

There will be a launching of the International Human Solidarity Day on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The keynote speaker is Mr. Lech Wałęsa, Nobel Prize Laureate and founder of the "Solidarity" movement in Poland.

The event, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the auspices of the Second Committee, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/solidarity.htm>.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus), under agenda item 58 (Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 19th meeting on Thursday, 9 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 19th meeting, and at 3p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-first session

The forty-first session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, under agenda item 69 (b) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal briefing by the Co-Chairs of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence, on the occasion of the presentation of the report of the High-level Panel to the Secretary-General

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (on the law of the sea)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 4.15 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on the development of a peacekeeping doctrine, including an update on the work on peacekeeping terminology conducted by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

Joint UN-IPU Parliamentary Hearing on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations"

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, the Shanghai Municipal Government and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Tuesday, 7 November 2006

Security Council

5562nd meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/44).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

49th plenary meeting

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council . . . . . [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the forty-eighth round of balloting (twenty-third unrestricted ballot).

Member States were informed that, after the withdrawal of Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as candidates to the Security Council for the period 2007-2008, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidature of Panama.

The results of the forty-eighth round of balloting (twenty-third unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	189
Abstentions	9
Required two-thirds majority	120

	Votes
Panama	164
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	11
Guatemala	4
Barbados	1

On the forty-eighth round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Panama was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [103 (b)]

(i) Election of eighteen members

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the ninth round of balloting (fifth restricted ballot).

The results of the ninth round of balloting (fifth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	191
Abstentions	1
Required two-thirds majority	127

	Votes
Belarus	114
Bulgaria	76

On the ninth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The representative of Bulgaria made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to a tenth round of balloting (sixth restricted ballot).

The results of the tenth round of balloting (sixth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	190
Abstentions	22
Required two-thirds majority	112

	Votes
Belarus	156
Bulgaria	12

On the tenth round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Belarus was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

(ii) By-election

The Acting President drew attention to a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Permanent Representative of Australia, by which Australia announced it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for its remaining term, in favour of New Zealand (A/61/557).

On the first round of the balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, New Zealand was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 and ending on 31 December 2007.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 103.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Israel, the Sudan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Moldova), Pakistan, Bangladesh, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia and Namibia.

Right to reply

The observer for Palestine, as well as the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and the Sudan, made statements in the exercise of the right to reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

25th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.23 and A/C.2/61/L.27

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.30

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.25, A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.28

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.24

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.31

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Liberia announced that Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Croatia, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Netherlands, Norway and Sierra Leone had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Guyana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iceland, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Portugal.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Philippines.

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Argentina announced that the following countries had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Cape Verde, Ghana, Grenada, Iceland, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Timor-Leste and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Mali.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Rapporteur, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), and the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), Mr. Prayono Atiyanto (Indonesia) and Mr. Aboubacar Sadikh Barry (Senegal).

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

40th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [41]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement and held a dialogue with the representatives of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 65 and 66 and heard statements made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Algeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Armenia, Israel, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Right of reply

The representatives of China, Israel, Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as the observer for Palestine, made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 65, sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 66.

41st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [41]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and began its general discussion.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Switzerland, Egypt, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Norway, the United States, China, Canada, Jordan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Serbia and Côte d'Ivoire.

Right of reply

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Corrigendum **to the summary of the 45th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 213, p. 14): under *"(ii) Election of eighteen members"*, the following text *should be inserted*:**

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

Group A – African States (5 seats)

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	2
Required two-thirds majority	127

	Votes
Cape Verde	187
Algeria	184
Malawi	184
Somalia	180
Sudan	170

Group B – Asian States (4 seats)

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	3
Required two-thirds majority	126

	Votes
Philippines	188
Kazakhstan	187
Indonesia	184
Iraq	181
Myanmar	1

Group C – Eastern European States (2 seats)

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	1
Required two-thirds majority	128

	Votes
Romania	139
Bulgaria	123
Belarus	112

Group D – Latin American and Caribbean States (3 seats)

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	0
Required two-thirds majority	128

	Votes
Barbados	160

Bolivia	138
El Salvador	133
Argentina	120

Group E – Western European and other States (4 seats)

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Luxembourg	185
Netherlands	176
Canada	175
United States of America	168
Spain	1

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Nepal (7 November 2006)[1]

Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages. New York, 10 December 1962

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the International Right of Correction. New York, 31 March 1953

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Continental Shelf. Geneva, 29 April 1958

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Confirmation upon succession of the objection confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro to the reservation made by the Government of France upon accession in respect of article 6 of the Convention: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Acceptance: Netherlands (6 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 November 2006.

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A/61/550	Item 69 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Letter dated 18 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/555–S/2006/860	Item 13 — The situation in the Middle-East — Identical letters dated 2 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/61/556	Item 119 — Improving the financial situation of the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.12/Add.1	Item 49 — Sport for peace and development — 79-Power draft resolution — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.18	Item 108 (s) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/61/6	Item 33 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Letter dated 1 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/61/INF/1/Rev.1	Documents of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
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A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1	Item 69 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — 19-Power revised draft resolution — Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1	Item 69 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — One-Power revised draft

resolution — International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1 Item 55 (e) — Globalization and interdependence: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy — 31-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.32 Item 58 — Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system — 5-Power draft resolution — Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.33 Item 53 (f) — Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/61/L.21 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 16-Power draft resolution — Human rights and extreme poverty [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.24 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 39-Power draft resolution — Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.25 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 57-Power draft resolution — Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief [A C E F R S]

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A/C.3/61/L.28 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — One-Power draft resolution — Combating defamation of religions [A C E F R S]

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and fundamental freedoms — 37-Power draft resolution — Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions [A C E F R S]

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Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 3 November 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Security-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A/CONF.208/2006/L.1 Draft report [A C E F R S]

2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

A/CONF.209/2006/L.1 Draft report [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2006/853	Letter dated 1 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/61/555–S/2006/860	Identical letters dated 2 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/861	Letter dated 3 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

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CEDAW/C/VNM/Q/6/Add.1
Responses to the list of issues and questions for consideration of the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports — Viet Nam [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/ADM/SER.B/663 **Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]**

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